

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method for integrating sharing registry information among a plurality of heterogeneous servers, comprising the steps of:

creating a database registry such that registry information is separated into first registry information that is common to a plurality of applications running on said plurality of heterogeneous servers and second registry information that is specific to ones of said plurality of applications, wherein said first registry information is stored in a common registry and said second registry information is stored in respective second registries associated with respective applications;

~~transmitting, from a first server within the plurality of servers, an authentication request to authenticate a user in an existing database registry;~~

~~responsive to receiving the authentication a request to authenticate the user in the existing a user in said database registry, constructing, by the first server, a credential of the user; and~~

~~accessing a resource from a second server within the plurality of servers selectively allowing access to a resource based on the credential of the user and a protection policy applied to the resource in an object name space associated with [[the]] a first server of said plurality of users.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the ~~application constructs a said~~ credential of the user is constructed using a user identifier and a user password.

6. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein registry information in the ~~existing~~ said database registry includes at least one of user registry information and group registry information.

7. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein ~~integrating the plurality of servers is integrated with the use of~~ access to the database registry must go through an adapter.
8. (Original) The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the adapter is a user registry adapter.
9. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
storing a definition of the user in said database registry, ~~a database associated with the second server.~~
10. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of ~~creating an application specific database in the second server; and~~ protecting application specific data ~~required for an operation of the second server~~ from unauthorized users.
11. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein ~~the application specific database~~ said respective second database is a meta-data database.
12. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the resource is a Web resource.
13. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
responsive to a request to disable a user from accessing a given resource ~~on the second server~~, receiving the disable request [[by]] at an adapter integrating the plurality of servers; and
removing a definition associated with the user from a database associated with the second server.
14. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
responsive to a request to disqualify a user from accessing a given resource ~~on the second server~~, receiving the disqualification request [[by]] at an adapter integrating the plurality of servers;
removing a definition associated with the user from a first database associated

with the second server; and

removing a definition associated with the user from a second database associated with the second server.

15. (Original) The method as recited in claim 14, wherein the first database is a registry database and the second database is a meta-data database.

16. (Currently amended) A system, comprising:

a bus system;

a memory, including a set of instructions, connected to the bus system; and

a processing unit, connected to said memory and to a database registry

constructed such that registry information is separated into first registry information that is common to a plurality of applications running on said plurality of heterogeneous servers and second registry information that is specific to ones of said plurality of applications, wherein said first registry information is stored in a common registry and said second registry information is stored in respective second registries associated with respective applications;

~~including at least one processor, wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to transmit, from a first server within a plurality of servers, an authentication request to authenticate a user in an existing database registry;~~

~~responsive to receiving the authentication a request to authenticate the user in the existing a user in said database registry, constructing, but the first server, a credential of the user; and~~

~~accessing a resource from a second server within the plurality of servers~~
selectively allowing access to a resource based on the credential of the user and a protection policy applied to the resource in an object name space associated with [[the]] a first server of said plurality of servers.

17. (Currently amended) A system for integrating a plurality of servers, comprising:

a database registry constructed such that registry information is separated into first registry information that is common to a plurality of applications running on said plurality of heterogeneous servers and second registry information that is specific to ones

of said plurality of applications, wherein said first registry information is stored in a common registry and said second registry information is stored in respective second registries associated with respective applications;

~~transmitting means for transmitting, from a first server within the plurality of servers, an authentication request to authenticate a user in an existing database registry;~~

constructing means, responsive to receiving ~~the authentication~~ a request to authenticate ~~the user in the existing~~ a user in said database registry, for constructing, ~~by the first server,~~ a credential of the user; and

accessing means for ~~accessing a resource from a second server within the plurality of servers~~ selectively allowing access to a resource based on the credential of the user and a protection policy applied to the resource in an object name space associated with ~~[[the]]~~ a first server of said plurality of servers.

18. (Currently amended) A computer program product stored in a computer-readable medium for ~~integrating~~ sharing registry information among a plurality of heterogeneous servers, comprising:

instructions for creating a database registry such that registry information is separated into first registry information that is common to a plurality of applications running on said plurality of heterogeneous servers and second registry information that is specific to ones of said plurality of applications, wherein said first registry information is stored in a common registry and said second registry information is stored in respective second registries associated with respective applications;

~~instructions for transmitting, from a first server within the plurality of servers, an authentication request to authenticate a user in an existing database registry;~~

instructions, responsive to receiving ~~the authentication~~ a request to authenticate ~~the user in the existing~~ a user in said database registry, for constructing, ~~by the first server,~~ a credential of the user; and

instructions for ~~accessing a resource from a second server within the plurality of servers~~ selectively allowing access to a resource based on the credential of the user and a protection policy applied to the resource in an object name space associated with ~~[[the]]~~ a first server of said plurality of users.

19. (Cancelled)
20. (Cancelled)
21. (Cancelled)
22. (Currently amended) The computer program product as recited in claim 18, wherein the ~~application constructs a~~ said credential of the user is constructed using a user identifier and a user password
23. (Currently amended) The computer program product as recited in claim 18, wherein registry information in ~~the existing~~ said database registry includes at least one of user registry information and group registry information.
24. (Currently amended) The computer program product as recited in claim 18, ~~wherein integrating the plurality of servers is integrated with the use of~~ access to the database registry must go through an adapter.
25. (Original) The computer program product as recited in claim 24, wherein the adapter is a user registry adapter.
26. (Currently amended) The computer program product as recited in claim 18, further comprising:
instructions for storing a definition of the user in said database registry. ~~a database associated with the second server.~~
27. (Currently amended) The computer program product as recited in claim 18, further comprising:
~~instructions for creating an application specific database in the second server; and~~
instructions for protecting application specific data ~~required for an operation of the second server~~ from unauthorized users.
28. (Currently amended) The computer program product as recited in claim 18, wherein the ~~application specific database~~ said respective second database is a meta-data database.

29. (Original) The computer program product as recited in claim 18, wherein the resource is a Web resource.

30. (Currently amended) The computer program product as recited in claim 18, further comprising:

instructions, responsive to a request to disable a user from accessing a given resource ~~on the second server~~, for receiving the disable request ~~[[by]]~~ at an adapter integrating the plurality of servers; and

instructions for removing a definition associated with the user from a database associated with the second server.

31. (Currently amended) The computer program product as recited in claim 18, further comprising:

instructions, responsive to a request to disqualify a user from accessing a given resource ~~on the second server~~, for receiving the disqualification request ~~[[by]]~~ at an adapter integrating the plurality of servers;

instructions for removing a definition associated with the user from a first database associated with the second server; and

instructions for removing a definition associated with the user from a second database associated with the second server.

32. (Original) The computer program product as recited in claim 31, wherein the first database is a registry database and the second database is a meta-data database.